

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A composition containing Asiasari Radix extracts subjected to a pH adjustment with an acid and then further subjected to an additional pH adjustment with a base thereafter for protecting brain cells from excitotoxicity and improving memory.
2. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein content of the Asiasari Radix extracts ranges from 0.5 to 50 % by weight per total weight of the composition.
3. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 1 wherein prior to the acid pH adjustment, the Asiasari Radix extracts are extracted with a lower alcohol containing between about 1 carbon atom and about 4 carbon atoms.
4. (Original) The composition of Claim 3 wherein the lower alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, acetone, chloroform, methylenechloride, ether, ethylacetate, and combinations thereof.
5. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises carriers, excipients and diluents.
6. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is formulated as oral preparations.
7. (Original) The composition of Claim 6 wherein the oral preparations are powders, tablets, capsules, suspensions, syrups and aerosols.
8. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is formulated as external applications.
9. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is formulated as suppositories.
10. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is formulated as sterile injections.

11-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an Asiasari Radix extracts, said method comprising the steps:
 - a) extracting Asiasari Radix with a solution comprising a lower alcohol having from 1-4 carbon atoms and an organic solvent, said organic solvent being